True Tail SOH Pilot

INT TRUE TAIL SCHOOL- EXIT TO CHAMBER POT TUNNELS

We see CALEB remove a stone from the floor as Doh-LI climbs out.

CALEB
<efforts>

CALEB
Coast is clear.

VIKTOR & MELODY
<yawn>

CALEB, DOH-LI, VIKTOR and MELODY all climb out of the hole and make their way out of the storage room.

MELODY
(tired)
Doh-Li, remind me again why we had to go down to the Chamber Pot Tunnels so late at night?

DOH-LI
Because, Melody, this Moonboom Flower only blooms in the darkest parts of True Tail.

MELODY
(tired)
Oh. Right.

Caleb pulls out a scroll with a list and checks something off.

CALEB
Alright, And with this we have completed---

VIKTOR(O.S.)
(sarcastic)
Doh-Li’s shopping list?

Doh-Li quickly snatches the list from Viktor.

DOH-LI
It’s not my shopping list! We are getting ingredients for our botany project.

DOH-LI
I, for one, plan on our team making high marks on this assignment. Unlike last time, where you caused everyone to break out in cherry blossom pox!

MELODY & CALEB
<giggles>

MELODY
Oh yeah! Viktor smelled like a sweet perfume for weeks!

VIKTOR
(annoyed/ pouting)
I thought we agreed never to speak of that again.

Viktor shakes his head as he pulls everyone close to him.

VIKTOR
UGH! I'm sick of these stupid missions! When do we get to go on some real quests? You know, excitement! Adventure! I want to feel the grass beneath my feet. I want to hear the ladies screaming my -<startled girly scream>

Viktor is startled by a small chamber pot beetle sitting on his shoulder.

VIKTOR
(freaking out whisper)
A bug! A bug!

BABY
Mama?

VIKTOR
Eww Get it off! Get it off! Get it off!

CALEB
Hold still Viktor, I think I can get it.

Caleb reaches out and tries to get the beetle, but it hops all over Viktor's body. Viktor is stone still as sweat drips down his forehead.

VIKTOR
<whimper>

BABY
(happy)
Mama!<purring sound>

The baby beetle rubs against Viktor's face like a kitten and purrs. Viktor looks like he is about to faint.

MELODY
Awww, she likes you.

CALEB
Wait, isn't that a chamber pot beetle? Aren't they really protective of their young?

Suddenly, a rumbling noise starts to echo around the kids as the ground begins to shake.

MELODY
<shaking>
What's going on?

Suddenly, giant beetles come charging out of the tunnel.

DOH-LI
Look!

BEETLE
ROAAAARRRRR!!!!!

CALEB
Adult Chamber Pot Beetles! Run!

KIDS
AHHHHHH!

The kids take off running down the hall. The baby beetle still stuck to Viktor laughs like he is on a ride. The adult beetles

give chase as the kids run through various hallways and parts of True Tail.

VIKTOR
<panting> I HATE BUGS!

BABY
Weeeeee!

START DESTRUCTION MONTAGE

The kids appear in various parts of the school to try and get away as the beatles destroy everything around them. They eventually wind up outside the cafeteria's open doors.

KIDS(O.S.)
AHHHHHH!

KIDS
<walla>

HARPER
<growl>

HARPER
Hey! You’re interrupting my beauty sleep!

KIDS
<walla>

HARPER
AHHHHHHH!

HARPER
UGh...

KANIKUS
<snoring> What? Who’s There!? <snore>

CALEB
Quick! The cafeteria!

KIDS

<efforts>

MELODY
HI-YAAH!

Angry that their prey is about to get away, the beetles start to shoot stink bombs at the kids. They are like spores and each time they hit the ground they multiply into strange fungus. Viktor dodges a stink bomb mushroom, as the baby beetle giggles. The kids slide into the auditorium and shut the doors, locking it behind them with a large wooden padlock bar thingie.

DOH-LI
(yelling)
VIKTOR! Hurry and get rid of that thing before they break through!

BABY
<growl>

Doh-Li points at the baby beetle. It hisses at her.

DOH-LI
UGh!

VIKTOR
You don’t think I have been trying! <shakes arm> It’s glued to my arm!

CALEB
Maybe we just need to pull harder.

CALEB, VIKTOR & BABY
<grunts and growl efforts>

Caleb and Viktor try to pull the beetle off but it firmly stays in place.

CALEB & VIKTOR
Oww!

CALEB
Viktor, did you wander off the trail?

VIKTOR
(badly lying)
ME?! Of course not! I would never.

The kids roll their eyes and wear the expression of “he did.”

VIKTOR
I did not! I swear!

CALEB
Jeez, I was afraid this would happen. You must have walked into one of their nests.

CALEB
Doh-Li! Is there anything we can use in the bag?!

Caleb reaches for the bag but Doh-Li pulls it away.

DOH-LI
NO WAY!

DOH-LI
I’m not giving up my A in botany because Viktor botched this mission!

VIKTOR
I did no such thing!

MELODY(O.S.)
(worried)
Hey guys.

MELODY
They’re getting closer! AHHHHHH!

Melody is holding the door as it shakes. Suddenly, a pincher comes crashing through the door. Melody just barely misses it. The kids look at each other as Doh-Li sighs.

DOH-LI
(reluctantly)
Fine, take it.

Doh-Li hands over the bag with all the ingredients and Caleb starts rifling through the bag.

CALEB
(commanding)
Okay, let’s see… we have a...

Caleb holds up a strange-looking object.

DOH-LI
(dryly)
Blackthorn pod.

CALEB
Right! And a…

Caleb holds up another strange-looking object.

DOH-LI
(annoyed)
Snuffle Bloom.

CALEB
Yeah, of course! And ahh…Moonbloom. We just collected that!

CALEB
Annddddd...What the---

PLANT
AGHHHHHHHHHHH!

DOH-LI
(annoyed)
<sigh> A Screaming Kodrake.

DOH-LI
Wait… with all this, can’t we make a...

DOH-LI/CALEB
(excitedly)
A Lazy Lullaby Potion!

CALEB

Exactly! Can you make one?

DOH-LI
(sarcastically)
Oh, pffft. Does a Frunkal have a Weblor?

Everyone looks at each other confused, not getting it.

DOH-LI
(annoyed)
Yes… yes it does. Oh forget it! Just keep those bugs busy and I will take care of the rest.

CALEB
Got it!

VIKTOR
(shaky)
Ha ha... l-leave it to me! Viktor totally has this. Ha ha ha.

Viktor has saber ready to fight but is still obviously afraid of the baby beetle stuck to him. Suddenly he is pulled backwards by Doh-Li.

DOH-LI
Hold it! Not you wonder boy.

DOH-LI
You are in no shape for this fight.

Doh-Li grabs the back of Viktor by the tail and pulls him back.

VIKTOR
What! I am not missing this!

DOH-LI
(threatening)
You don’t understand. If you mess up, you might be stuck together forever!

Viktor looks at the beetle that smiles up at him. Viktor gulps and he then looks at Doh-Li and nods his head. Doh-Li starts to pull out the ingredients and prep Viktor.

CALEB
(nervous)
Okay, Doh-Li is going to need a few minutes, so it's up to us. Are you ready Melody?

Melody pulls out her lute and gets battle ready.

MELODY
I was born for this stage!

CALEB
<laughs>

Caleb laughs as he then knits his brow and pulls out his sword.

CALEB
Okay, here they come!

MAMA BEETLE
ROAARRRRRR!

The doors come crashing around them as the beetles enter. Caleb raises his sword and tries to block a beetle attack. Melody pulls out her lute and starts to play but she is too nervous.

CALEB & MELODY
AHHHHHH!

Caleb races through battle legs and Melody tries to fight on a beetle that has grabbed her lute.

MELODY
LET GO!!!!!GRRRR!

CALEB
<walla>

CALEB
AHHHH! Woah!!!!

MELODY
Pincers off my friend!

Melody hops on the beatles head to help Caleb. She plays her music causing the bug to get dizzy and fall over.

MELODY
You okay?

CALEB
Yeah.<gasp> Look!

VIKTOR
Is the potion done yet?

DOH-LI
Don’t rush me. It has to simmer for just a bit more.

VIKTOR
Ugh, can’t you make it simmer faster. I am missing everything!

DOH-LI
That’s not how simmering works you idiot!

VIKTOR
Vitkor knows what simmering is.

Suddenly, a bug started to approach Viktor and Doh-Li. Caleb and Melody rush in to defend.

DOH-LI & VIKTOR
AHHHHHHH!

CALEB
We’re coming!

CALEB
We’ve gotta keep those bugs away. Melody! Sing me a song!

MELODY
Aye Aye Captain.

Melody starts to play and sing causing a glowing light to surround Caleb. He is now moving a lot faster as he rushes around to confuse
the bugs. Doh-Li and Viktor are surprised.

CALEB
<raspberry>

CALEB
Over here!

CALEB
<whistles>

VIKTOR
Wow, they make a pretty good team.

DOH-LI
Uh huh.

VIKTOR
Hey Doh-Li. I'm sorry for messing everything up… it's my fault we're in this mess. I should not have gotten mad at you when you were just trying to help. What I'm trying to say is. No, What I really want to tell you is...

Doh-Li says nothing as Viktor then puts his hand on her shoulder. She is starting to get nervous and quickly pushes him away the moment the potion is done.

DOH-LI
(interrupting Viktor)
OH Look! It's done! The Potion's done!

DOH-LI
Caleb! It's done!

Caleb tries to hold off a beetle's pincher as he yells.

CALEB
Give it to the baby!

DOHLI
Oh.. right. Come here!

Doh-Li grabs Viktor and shoves the potion into the baby's face . The baby starts to get sleepy and suddenly falls off Viktor's shoulder snoring.

BABY
<snoring>

VIKTOR
It came off! I’m FREE! FREEEEEEEE!

Doh-Li looks over at Melody, she is running out of juice. Quickly.doh-Li yells to Caleb as she prepares to throw the baby. However, the beatle Melody put to sleep has woken up and it coming towards her.

MELODY
<painting>

DOH-LI
Caleb! Catch!

VIKTOR(O.S)
GET AWAY FROM HER!

VIKTOR
AHHHHHH!

Viktor yells as he comes saber swinging at the beatle. He slashes a horn off the beatle causing it to whimper away. Doh-Li is so shocked she forgets to throw the bug.

VIKTOR
Throw the bug!

DOH-LI
Oh right. CATCH!

Caleb catches the baby and holds it up to the beatles just in time.

CALEB
I got the baby!I...got...the… baby?

BABY
Mama!!!

The beatles suddenly stop attacking as the baby beetle hops on their back. Now reunited with their baby the beetles start to tunnel into the ground and disappear. The kids let out a giant sigh of relief.

MELODY & CALEB

WE did it! WE did it!

Melody grabs Caleb and they dance around. Viktor and Doh-Li smile at each other.

Suddenly, there is a lone slow clapping sound. The kids stop and turn towards the area that once housed the door. Standing there is a group of professors and a gaggle of students all in their night gowns. Now we get to see the absolute destruction the beetles have left behind in the hallway behind them.

KANIKUS

(very sarcastic)
Congratulations… you saaaaaaved the day!

KIDS

<gulp> <nervous sounds>

The kids pause as fear washes over their faces. Suddenly a detention stamp hits the screen.

END - ROLL CREDITS

DURING CREDITS SCENE:

We cut to see the kids trying to clean up the hallway. Caleb is over by Viktor.

CALEB

So what do you think about True Tail now?

VIKTOR

As long as there are no more bugs.. Ahhhh!

VIKTOR

Get it off! Get it off!

KANIKUS

Would you kids stop this infernal racke- <hit in face>

A small roach crawls on the tip of Viktor’s broom. He swings it around wildly trying to smack it, but hits Kanikus on the head and knocks him out. The kids look down at Kanikus.

MELODY

We’d better run.

DOH-LI
But, what about detention?

KANIKUS
I’m...going destroy...ALL OF YOU!
KIDS
AHHHHHHHHHH!

KANIKUS
<panting> Oh, my back!

BABY
<giggle>

As Kanikus’ fire starts to appear. The kids look at each other quickly, and bolt out of frame, leaving Kanikus alone. Little chamber pot beetle flies in and wipes the screen with a giggle.

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